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In re the application of: Markus Pompejus *et al.*

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Stress, Resistance and Tolerance Proteins

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2003 (Paper No. 14). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

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